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Abstract
We introduce the single-layer global routing problem (SLGRP), also called homotopic routing or rubber-band-equivalent routing, and propose a technique for solving it. Given a set of nets, the proposed technique first determines the routing sequence based on the estimated **congestion,** the bounding-box length and priority. Then, it finds a routing **path,** being a sequence of tiles, for each net (one net at a time), avoiding "congested" areas. The overall goal of the algorithm is to maximize the number of routed nets. The proposed global router is the first true single-layer global router ever reported in the literature. The size of tiles, w*w, is an input parameter in our algorithm. For w=1, the proposed global router serves as an effective detailed router. An optimal postprocessing algorithm, minimizing wire length and number of bends, under homotopic transformation, is presented. The technique has been

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